

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute similar or broader claims in a continuation application. Claims 17-33 are sought to be added. Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 17-33 are pending in the application, with 17, 24, and 32 being the independent claims. No new matter has been entered based on these amendments.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for being unpatenable over U.S. Patent Nos. 5,794,011 to Paul et al. ("Paul"), 6,553,375 to Huang et al. ("Huang"), and 5,826,166 to Brooks et al. ("Brooks"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner, in order to expedite prosecution Applicants have cancelled claims 1-16. Therefore, Applicants believe these rejections are moot. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw these rejections.

New Claims 17-33

Applicants believe new claims 17-33 are allowable over the art of record. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner find claims 17-33 allowable.

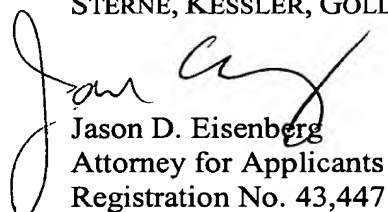
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding final Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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